

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Independent claims 26, 38 and 50 have been amended in accordance with a discussion of the claims during an interview occurring on April 5, 2005, between the undersigned, Examiner Javid A. Amini, and Primary Examiner Jeffrey O'Brien.

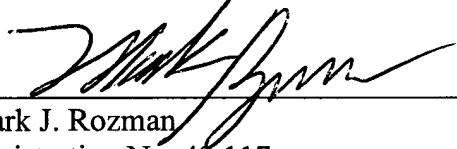
In light of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection to the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 is overcome. Furthermore, the amendments to claims 36, 48 and 50 overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 rejection. Further still, it is believed that the above-described amendments to claims 26, 38 and 50 also overcome the obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

The undersigned respectfully thanks the Examiners for their time and consideration during the interview.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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